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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax

Front Page NEWS



City Council Adopts Strategic Goals

The City Council has adopted its strategic goals for the 2014-16 term, which will guide the City Council during the next two years. This document has been posted in the Mayor and City Council's area of the website (found under the "Government" tab). Information: 703-385-7935.

Business Owners: Need Assistance? Call the City

Whether their endeavors are new to the city or long-established and seeking expansion, business owners can rely on the Economic Development Office to help their businesses succeed.

The city's strong sense of community comes, in no small part, from helping ensure the success of all local businesses — particularly small businesses with vital, direct connections to the community. The city's focus on business development can benefit entrepreneurs to launch or expand their operations.

Economic Development Director Nicole Hange offers a variety of services, from one-on-one discussions regarding business needs to assistance through the permitting process. Information: 703-385-7851.

**Don't miss Rock the Block!
#TGIFairfax — see page 8!**

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Your Cityscene is Back!

A Message from the Mayor and City Council

After a five-year intermission, it is our pleasure to welcome you back to the printed *Cityscene*!

The Cityscene, first published in the 1960s, is again being printed and mailed to every business and residence in the City of Fairfax. It is our hope that you will find this publication useful and that it will provide ample information about local government services, government and community activities, and key issues facing the city.

Our goal is to provide you with timely information in print, along with using social media and our recently updated website, to better communicate with each of you. Most importantly, we value openness and transparency in government: in every issue of *The Cityscene*, you will find the *Council Reporter*, which includes all councilmembers' official votes.

While *The Cityscene*, website and other city tools demonstrate our commitment to providing solid, reliable communication, we want to remind you that we also can be reached individually. Our e-mail addresses are printed on the back page of every issue of the *Cityscene*.

We welcome your comments and suggestions to make this publication even better: please drop us a note at mayor&council@fairfaxva.gov.

Bridge Replacement Includes Total Chain Bridge Road Closure August 5-6

The replacement of the bridge across Accotink Creek on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road continues in August with one temporary, additional detour for drivers in both directions.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 5-6 only, Route 123/Chain Bridge Road will be closed between Kenmore Drive and Whitehead Street.

Both northbound and southbound traffic will be detoured to University Drive via Kenmore and Whitehead. During the detour, please expect delays — and consider alternate routes.

Please note: the date may change due to inclement weather or other circum-

stances, so please check the city website or sign up for road closure information on Fairfax City Alert: www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert. Construction is expected to last through September. Information: 703-385-7810.



City **NEWS** AND Notes

Welcome, Mason Nation

The City of Fairfax welcomes new and returning George Mason University students for the fall semester. Early move-in for students begins August 17 and classes begin August 25.



Stay abreast of campus activities via the Mason Web calendar: today.gmu.edu.

Boards and Commissions on Hiatus in August

Most city boards and commission, including the School Board and City Council, are not scheduled to meet in August. Meetings resume in September.

Most City Council, School Board and Planning Commission meetings are televised on Cityscreen-12. Televised meetings and agendas may be viewed on the city's website: click on "City Meetings" on the home page.

Tax Holiday Set for August 1-3

The Commonwealth of Virginia has established a tax holiday August 1-3 to help with back-to-school purchases. Items include:

- qualifying school supplies selling for \$20 or less per item (including calculators, book bags, binders, etc.) and
- qualifying clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item.

Information: www.tax.virginia.gov, (804) 367-8031.

National Night Out to be Held August 5

Learn about crime and drug prevention on National Night Out August 5, when public safety providers visit participating neighborhoods with fire trucks, police motorcycles and more. Community leaders may include their neighborhoods; call 703-273-2889.

City Offices Close September 1 for Labor Day

City government offices will be closed September 1 for Labor Day. General District Court also will be closed (703-385-7866).

The CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule (703-385-7859).

Trash and recyclables will not be collected September 1. Monday and Tuesday regular collection will be provided on Tuesday, September 2 (703-385-7837).

Fall for the Book to be Held September 11-18

Meet world-renown, prize-winning authors, attend readings and book discussions and celebrate the reading and writing of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and more at Fall for the Book September 11-18.



The annual festival is held in and around the City of Fairfax, George Mason University and the metropolitan DC area.

A complete schedule is posted on the event website, www.fallforthebook.org. Information: 703-993-3986.

Support Blenheim at Taste of the Vine September 26

Support Historic Blenheim and enjoy an evening of fine food and wine at Taste of the Vine, a fundraiser to be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. September 26 in the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

Tickets cost \$50 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, music, silent auction and more. The event is sponsored by Historic Fairfax City, Inc. Information: 703-591-5305.

Fire Department Receives Training Grant

The City of Fairfax Fire Department has received a regional fire services training grant for \$9,500 from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

The grant will fund the construction of specific training elements on the city's fire training facility, which is used not only by the city fire and police departments, but also by other municipal, regional and federal public safety agencies to train their personnel. Information: 703-385-7940.

National Grant Funds Sustainability Projects

Global Philanthropy Partnership has named the city as one of the municipalities to benefit from a \$75,000 grant to support sustainability projects in the community.

The grant funds the development of an online template to streamline the process for communities to launch turnkey neighborhood and workplace sustainability projects. Information: 703-385-7930.

Farmers Markets Continue

Two farmers markets are held through November 1 at the corner of West and Main streets in the city. Information: 703-430-6164.



The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market is held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

The Sunday Market is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

Looking for Santa for Lights and Carols

The City of Fairfax is looking for a city resident to step into official Santa duties for the Festival of Lights and Carols.

Santa candidates must be available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Saturday in December (this year, December 6) to visit with more than 250 children at Lunch with Santa, take photos with the children in the afternoon and attend the Christmas tree lighting ceremony that evening.

Please contact the city by September 1. Information: mitzi.taylor@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-1710.



See the Signs of Construction in Old Town Fairfax

Get ready to rumble — with growth and construction.

The area adjacent to Old Town Hall and the Ratcliffe-Allison House, which once featured the garden of Fairfax resident Kitty Pozer, is officially closed. Work has begun behind the bright wrapping around the construction zone.

During construction, Old Town Fairfax remains open, and ample parking can be found throughout the area, such as in the Old Town Village parking garage and the newly repaved parking lot at Route 236/

Main Street and East Street; a parking map is available on the city website.

The Old Town Square project, which is expected to be finished in December, includes brick pedestrian walkways, a two-tiered plaza as well as an interactive water feature, a cascade water feature, preservation and enhancement of Kitty Pozer Garden, a memorial garden and more.

Additional information about the project, as well as updates and renderings of the future town square, are available on the city website. Information: 703-385-7810.



City fire hydrants are being repainted this summer by Fairfax Water with a red body and silver “bonnet.”

Don't forget: help keep them clear of leaves, snow and debris. Adopt a hydrant now! Information: www.fairfaxva.gov (under ‘How Do I...?’) • 703-385-7940

City Approves Changes for Old Town and Temporary Sign Regulations

On July 8, the City Council adopted changes to city business sign regulations intended to provide a quick and beneficial impact to the business community. Information: 703-385-7820.

Among the changes adopted into the city's zoning ordinance are increasing the size of letters for signs in the Old Town Historic District by two inches, permitting letters up to 12 inches high. Businesses that wish to have letters up to 14 inches must receive approval from the Board of Architectural Review.

The new regulations now allow for signs on garage structures within the Old Town Historic District, on the condition that a master sign plan also be submitted and

approved for the overall site on which the garage is located.

Regulations on temporary signs (such as “coming soon” and certain promotional signs) have been relaxed throughout the city. Previously, some types of commonly-used temporary signs were not permitted because of regulations pertaining to their content.

Additional changes to the city's sign regulations will be considered as part of the comprehensive zoning ordinance rewrite currently underway. The next Zoning Rewrite work session will be held August 28 (see related article on page 4). Information: www.zoningfairfax.com, 703-385-7930.



Prune Trees, Bushes from Sidewalks, Roads

Property owners with trees and shrubs are asked to prune vegetation away from sidewalks and streets.

Plants should not block sidewalks, nor should they obstruct the view of traffic or signs for drivers and pedestrians from walkways or roads.

Those with curbside collection may place yard waste at the curb on their designated collection day. Contractors must dispose of yard debris created by their services.

Pothole Hotline Remains Active

Potholes can happen anytime — so when you see one, say something. Please report potholes to the Pothole Hotline: WeCare@fairfaxva.gov or 703-385-7810.

Recycling Bins Available Upon Request

The City of Fairfax provides municipal recycling bins to city residents who receive curbside collection services from the city. Request a bin at 703-385-7837 or WeCare@fairfaxva.gov. (Residents are reminded to leave bins at the residence if they move from the city.)

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The Public Works Department has two flyers available on the city website to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City, and*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever.*

Information: 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Pardiny Named Police Chief

Carl Pardiny has been selected as police chief of the City of Fairfax Police Department. Pardiny, who served as the city's deputy police chief since 2011, began as a city patrol officer in 1988 and rose through the ranks.

He was instrumental in the creation of many innovative programs, including the community bicycle patrol program and the city's police canine program. He also initiated and developed the department's first "evidence-based" community policing projects.

Pardiny replaces Richard Rappoport, who retired from the city in May.

Thoesen Retires from Utilities

Rick Thoesen, the director of the city's former Utilities Department, retired after five years with the city.

Thoesen, who oversaw the operation of the city's water treatment plant and reservoir in Loudoun County and water operations in the city, previously served as Loudoun Water's deputy general manager and served on the Prince William County Sanitation Authority. He also oversaw the transition of water services in January to Fairfax Water.

Photo ID Required for Voting in Virginia: 'Are You ID Ready?'

Virginia voters must present one of the following forms of photo identification when voting, effective July 1:

- valid Virginia driver's license
- DMV-issued photo ID card
- valid U.S. passport
- valid employee photo ID card
- other federal, Virginia or Virginia sub-division government-issued valid photo ID card
- valid college or university student photo ID card for an institution of higher education in Virginia

Voters who do not have an acceptable form of photo ID may obtain a free ID through their local voter registration office. City residents may call the City of Fairfax General Registrar at 703-385-7890.

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Meeting Set for August 28

The City of Fairfax's zoning ordinance rewrite project is advancing to its next step: the preparation of the actual revisions to the zoning ordinance.

The second draft module of the zoning ordinance has been prepared. This section covers zoning districts. The draft document will be posted on the Zoning Fairfax Web page (www.zoningfairfax.com).

Community members are invited to attend the upcoming meeting of Zoning Rewrite Advisory Committee to listen in on the committee's discussion. The committee will meet at 6 p.m. August

28 in the City Hall Annex. The committee will review and comment on the second draft module of the ordinance rewrite.

The community is encouraged to post comments on the draft or send messages to the project team through Zoning Fairfax.

The City of Fairfax's zoning ordinance rewrite project launched in December 2013 with working sessions to help identify areas for improvement in the city's land use regulations and procedures, and continued with a public workshop in March. Information: 703-385-7930.



Partial Real Estate Tax Exemption Ending; Available Through December 2014

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements must in-

crease the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption before any construction begins (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted). The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished. *Applications are being accepted through December 31, 2014.* Information: 703-385-7840.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Architectural Review (one vacancy)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)
- Economic Development Authority (one vacancy)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



City Council Changes Monthly Meeting Schedule

The City Council is changing its meeting schedule to provide ample time for discussion on issues and interviews for boards and commissions.

Beginning September 2, City Council will schedule work sessions at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the City Hall Annex. City Council also will conduct interviews for board and commission vacancies at this time.

Regular meetings will continue to be scheduled at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the City Hall Annex.

Meeting agendas are available on the city's website, from the City Clerk's Office and at the meeting.

The public may address the Mayor and City Councilmembers at regular meetings.

There are no opportunities to address the City Council at work sessions. Call 703-385-7935 or e-mail cityclerk@fairfaxva.gov to sign up to speak at a meeting, or to confirm meeting information.

Televised meetings and work sessions are available on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, available on the city website and on cable television through Cox Communications and Verizon.

Televised work sessions and meetings may be viewed (with agendas) or downloaded as MP3 (audio) and MP4 (video) files from the city's website. Meetings also may be borrowed or purchased on DVD or Blu-Ray from the city. Information: 703-385-7803.

Viewers may record meetings directly from the telecast for their personal use.

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ens of categories offered by the city, covering city services and emergencies. Personal subscriber information is secure and will not be shared.

Current eMAS subscribers must subscribe to Fairfax City Alert to continue receiving messages. eMAS subscriptions are not transferred.

eMAS message delivery will end October 1. Fairfax City Alert subscribers will continue to receive uninterrupted service. Information: CityAlert@fairfaxva.gov.

Share Your Talents With the City: Volunteer for a Board or Commission

Volunteer on behalf of your community: join one of the city's boards and commissions. A list of city and regional boards and commissions is available on the city's website or from the City Clerk's Office in City Hall. Vacancies are announced in *The Cityscene* (on page 4), on Cityscreen-12 and on the city's website.

Additionally, board vacancy news and notices are sent out via Fairfax City Alerts using the category "Boards and Commis-

sions Vacancies and News."

Interested citizens may apply through the City Clerk's Office when a vacancy arises. For most city boards and commissions, City Council interviews applicants and appoints individuals. (There are exceptions.) Applicants must be registered voters. If residency is required, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year. The city encourages diversity in its candidates. Information: 703-385-7935.

Cityscreen



SCHEDULE

Programming subject to change.
See Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. 703-385-7803.

The Fairfax Scene

Through August, enjoy highlights from *Raids, Romance and Writing: Fairfax in the Civil War*, as presented at the Civil War Interpretive Center May 30-June 1, 2014. *The Fairfax Scene* plays at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

The Fairfax Scene is archived online under "special programming" and available on the city's YouTube channel.

Inside Scoop

Inside Scoop, produced at the Fairfax Public Access Channel (Channel 10), features host Jeff Barnett interviewing Mayor Scott Silverthorne and Rob Jackson, former president of Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations. *Inside Scoop* is shown at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekends.

Encore!

Enjoy an encore musical performance at 4 p.m. daily.

Road to Recovery

This series produced by the Department of Health and Human Services deals with many topics related to addiction, treatment and recovery. Different episodes of the *Road to Recovery* are shown at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays.

2014 Independence Day Parade

Don't miss the 2014 parade! The program is archived on the city website under "special programming" and is available on the city's YouTube channel.



City Council Reporter

June 10, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Introduction of an ordinance pertaining to state motor vehicle laws; Consideration of a resolution for the extension of a lease agreement for a parking lot at the intersection of Sager Avenue and University Drive; Consideration of a resolution setting the allocation percentage for personal property tax relief for the 2014 tax year.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution of \$990,463 for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution of \$341,602 for fiscal year 2013-14 federal and state grant expenditures.
- Approved, unanimously, the appropriation resolutions for the General, Capital, Wastewater, Transit, Stormwater, Cable, Old Town, and Transportation Tax Funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.
- Approved, 4-3, an ordinance pertaining to the retirement plan for general employees. (*In favor: Mayor Silverthorne and Councilmembers DeMarco, Greenfield, Stombres; opposed: Councilmembers Drummond, Meyer, Schmidt.*)
- Approved, 4-3, an ordinance pertaining to the retirement plan for public safety employees. (*In favor: Mayor Silverthorne and Councilmembers DeMarco, Greenfield, Stombres; opposed: Councilmembers Drummond, Meyer, Schmidt.*)
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation of \$1,284,247 for the transfer of surplus water fund monies to the transportation tax fund to fully fund the commercial and industrial tax at its equivalent maximum rate.
- Approved, unanimously, ordinances authorizing the initiation of "quick-take" condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of easements at 10996-11002 Fairfax Boulevard, 10995 Fairfax Boulevard and 10911-10927 Main Street.

Comments by City Council

- Approved, unanimously, to authorize and approve the settlement, on the terms and conditions outlined by the city attorney in closed meeting, of a court case relating to an erroneous tax assessment claim and a lien for non-payment of city meals taxes, and to authorize the city attorney to finalize the negotiations and settlement agreement in this matter and to authorize the Treasurer, city attorney and city manager, as applicable, to execute documentation necessary to finalize the settlement and conclude the court case. (*Councilmember Stombres was absent from the vote.*)

Appointments to boards and commissions

- Approved, unanimously, the following appointments: Jeanie Bell Winslow, Brenda Kuhlman, Stephanie Yost and Debbie Bermudez-Bernier to the Commission for Women; Bill Brown to the Board of Building Code Appeals; Mark Farage to the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board; John Norce to the Health Systems Agency; Suzanne Levy to the Library Board; Jon Stehle and Michael Anderson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; Tom Armstrong and Janet Jaworski to the Planning Commission. (*Councilmember Stombres was absent from the vote.*)

June 24, 2014

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending and reenacting a section of City Code to incorporate by reference into the City Code certain state code provisions relating to the state motor vehicle laws, driving motor vehicles while intoxicated, and disposition of such cases for juveniles.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance pertaining to stormwater and storm drainage facilities, Chesapeake Bay preservation and erosion and sediment control.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the resolution approving the city's Strategic Master Plan for parks, recreation, trails, open space, events and cultural arts.

July 8, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board Area XI Consortium Agreement from July 2012 through June 2014.
- Approved, 5-1, consideration of a task order to Woolpert, Inc. for the preliminary design of Fairfax Boulevard and Oak Street stormwater improvements. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Greenfield, Meyer, Miller, Schmidt; opposed, Councilmember Loftus.*)

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, with an amendment, an ordinance to revise regulations with respect to signs permitted in the Old Town Fairfax Historic Overlay District and temporary signs permitted citywide.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, the revised cooperative agreement for use of school facilities between the City of Fairfax and the City of Fairfax School Board.

Actions out of closed meeting/appointments to boards and commissions

- Approved, unanimously, 2014 appointments to regional boards and commissions for the Mayor, City Council and city staff.
- Approved, unanimously, the concurrence with the selection of Carl Pardiny as police chief effective July 9, 2014.

Comments by City Council

- The City Council reached consensus to have a work session scheduled in either September or October to discuss the housing mix in the city and immediately surrounding areas.

Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
City of Fairfax Observes Labor Day September 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed: city government offices, General District Court. • CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule. • Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open. • Refuse and recyclables will not be collected on Monday, September 1; Monday and Tuesday routes will be collected on Tuesday, September 2. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-273-1776			Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu , 703-993-1056		1 Old Town Plaza Series concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	2 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street) Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street
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10 Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street) Second Sunday Series: The Battle of the White House on Belvoir Neck in 1814, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	11	12	13	14	15 Old Town Plaza Series concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	16 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street) Document shredding event, 8 am to noon, Cooper Middle School, McLean Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm
17 Upperclass early move-in begins at George Mason University Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue (at Main Street)	18	19	20 Fall semester begins at Northern Virginia Community College 	21 Freshman early move-in begins at George Mason University	22 Rock the Block! #TGIFairfax, 6 pm, Old Town Fairfax Old Town Plaza Series concert, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	23 Upperclass move-in at George Mason University begins Farmers' Market Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House Civil War Balloon Corps, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim
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City Happenings

Music in the Streets: Rock the Block!, Summer Nights in the City

Summer Nights in the City offers free concerts at 7 p.m. on Fridays through September 26 on Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road.

Rock the Block! #TGIFairfax features free concerts by local bands and block parties on University Drive in Old Town Fairfax. Parties are from 6-9 p.m. August 22 (with *The Breakfast Club*) and Septem-

ber 26 (with *Leggz*). Enjoy city restaurants and merchants, a beer garden, games and more. Please do not B.Y.O.B., but *do* bring seating. Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Information: 703-352-ARTS.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues August 8; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2* for free at 7 p.m. August 8 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old

Lee Highway. Participants may bring their own snacks. From 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items. Information: 703-385-7858.

Take a Guided Walking History Tour August 9, 23

Discover Fairfax history on foot with a guided tour of Old Town Fairfax. Tours step off at 11 a.m. from the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street, on August 9 and 23. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for youth age 6-12 or \$15 per family. Reservations are recommended; call 703-385-8414.

History Programs Scheduled August 10, 23

Learn about *The Battle of the White House on Belvoir Neck in 1814* at 2 p.m. August 10 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-8414.

Find out about the *Civil War Balloon Corps* at 2 p.m. August 23 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.



Ashby Pond Re-Opens with New Features

Ashby Pond Conservatory Site has re-opened with new features, including a 75-foot boardwalk along the pond edge and two bridges connecting the trail over two creeks flowing into the pond.

The new parking area at the four-acre park, located at 9817 Ashby Road, has an ADA-accessible trail to the pond. (Photo: Kira Urano, City of Fairfax)